

Project Name: *Integrated Weed Management Plan*

Comment Period

start date: May 18, 2015

end date: July 1, 2015

How Your Comments are Considered

This is an opportunity for you to be involved in the decision-making process of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and to offer your thoughts on alternative ways for our agency to accomplish what is being proposed, and to offer your comments on the BLM's analysis of the environmental effects of the proposal, and to offer possible mitigation measures for potential adverse effects.

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires that federal agencies prepare an environmental assessment that provides an overview of environmental concerns. Public involvement is a key component to the NEPA and National Historic Preservation Act process.

Comments that provide relevant, new information, and with sufficient detail are most useful and are referred to as "substantive comments." A substantive comment does one or more of the following:

1. question, with reasonable basis, the accuracy of information in the environmental assessment;
2. question, with reasonable basis, the adequacy of, methodology for, or assumptions used for the environmental analysis;
3. present reasonable alternatives other than those analyzed in the environmental assessment; and/or
4. cause changes or revisions in one or more of the alternatives.

Upon the conclusion of the comment period, the BLM reviews all comments and categorize them by topics. As a result of substantive comments, the BLM may make changes to an alternative, the effects analysis for an alternative, or add measures to minimize potential adverse effects.

Form letters would be considered as one comment. Personalized letters are more useful for our review. Non-substantive comments are statements such as "I am opposed to the proposal" or conversely "I support the proposal." In either case, unless you describe the reason why, these types of comments are of no value during our review.

Thank you for your participation!!

